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VERBATIM TEXT OF EGYPTIAN ADVISER ZAHRAH'S STATEMENT
IN GA PLENARY ON IAEA REPORT PM 29 OCT READS BEGIN QUOTE
ANOTHER AREA OF GROWING INTEREST IN THE WORLD, IN BOTH
DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS THE EXPLORATION
AND EXPLOITATION OF NUCLEAR POWER MATERIALS, SUCH AS
URANIUM AND THORIUM, TO WHICH IAEA SHOULD PAY MORE
ATTENTION AND DEVOTE MORE FINANCING. BESIDES THE EFFORTS
DEPLOYED BY THE AGENCY AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, REMOTE
SENSING OF THE EARTH'S RESOURCES BY SATELLITE IS A PRO-
MISING MEANS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL SURVEY. GEOLOGICAL
USES OF SATELLITE IMAGES ARE STILL IN AN EXPERIMENTAL
STATE. SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS HAVE IN ANY CASE TO BE
COMBINED WITH AIRCRAFT AND GROUND SURVEYS FOR ANY KIND
OF GEOGRAPHICAL EXPLORATION. THROUGH ERTS, EREP, SKYLAB
AND FUTURE OUTER-SPACE FLIGHTS, IT IS ASSUMED, REMOTE
SENSING OF THE EARTH'S RESOURCES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROS-
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PECTING AND EXPLORING FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS. FURTHERMORE,

THE REMOTE-SENSING CENTRE WHICH IS UNDER STUDY IN THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE WOULD PLAY A ROLE IN THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION RELATED TO REMOTE SENSING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE IAEA. IN ADDITION, THE MASTER COPIES OF ERTS IMAGES AND DATA WHICH THE UNITED STATES PLEDGED TO PROVIDE TO THE PROJECTED REMOTE-SENSING CENTRE WOULD ASSIST GREATLY AS FAR AS THE NUCLEAR MATERIAL SURVEY IS CONCERNED. AFTER STUDYING THE PAPER PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1973 ON THE APPLICATION OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT, DOCUMENT ST/ECA/161, IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THIS STUDY DID NOT MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO THE APPLICATION OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO THE EXPLORATION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS OR TO THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE IAEA TO THIS END. THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATED ALSO IN FUTURE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REVOLVING FUND FOR THE EXPLORATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL. END QUOTE.

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